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We don't see why the Episcopalians want to omit "obey" and "endow" from their marriage service. The high contracting parties do not observe them unless they want to anyhow.

A ride over the Silver Springs road jolted the filling out of one man's teeth Sunday before last. However, the road is improving. Not at a rapid rate, it is true, but so as to be observed by the naked eye.

All our life, a smoke, a shine, a soft drink, a newspaper, a loaf of bread and a nickel have been standard and interchangeable units of value. And now the bread is to go up higher. We'd rather have biscuit anyhow.

When we learn that Josephus Daniels, Jim Ham Lewis and Ollie James were actively engaged on behalf of the democrats during the Maine campaign, we are not much surprised at the size of the republican majority.

The spirit of religious persecution that is becoming more and more bitter in this state every day will sooner or later result in bloodshed, and then the name of Florida will smell more like carrion than a flower in the nostrils of civilized people.

The Augusta Chronicle drily remarks: "There are those who are trying to draw comfort from the fact that the democratic vote in Maine this year increased by more than 5,000. This might be all right but for the fact that the republican vote increased by more than 22,000."

There are some things this paper does not print, among them such stories as that about Angie Tompkins, who was a bright little Ocala girl some years ago, and who might have been the honored wife and mother in a good home if she had been given the same opportunity that many other girls have.

According to recent reports W. S. Gilbreath, field secretary of the Dixie Highway Association, has resigned his position. Mr. Gilbreath has been identified with the association since its organization. He traveled almost constantly over the great roadway, and was well known from Chicago to Miami. His giving up the work is principally due to the fact that acting as field secretary of the Dixie Highway association kept him away from his home most of the time.

The Dixie Highway, official organ of the Dixie Highway association, has made its appearance in magazine form, and will hereafter be published on the 5th of each month. The September issue is most attractive, and is given up for the most part to a description of the work being done in the Tennessee mountains. The change from the newspaper to magazine form was made to meet the widespread demand for information concerning the highway and the territory through which it passes.

Queer news comes from Fulton county, Georgia. John A. Boykin, a prominent lawyer of Atlanta, was a candidate for solicitor general of the county. Now, Boykin, during the Frank trial, was in doubt of Frank's guilt, and wrote a letter to Governor Slaton urging him to commute Frank's sentence. This letter was printed in circular form and scattered broadcast as an argument against Boykin during the recent primary campaign. Nevertheless, Boykin was elected by a big majority.

The destitution of Belgium seems to be a paying proposition for the United States. Americans have been contributing an average of half a million dollars a month to the fund. And the commission of relief for Belgium has been buying ten million dollars worth of supplies every month from us. The commission will ask for a million dollars a month and our people should by all means give it. Our generosity is our only redeeming virtue, and we have considerably less of that than we thought we had.

A telling cartoon appears in the New York Herald of the 17th. It shows Uncle Sam—not the lean, muscular, energetic Uncle Sam we were brought up to believe in, but a fat, hog-like looking individual—standing astride an immense money bag and saying, "What do I want of friends?" Behind him is a thundercloud, around the edges of which bristles the bayonets of Germany, Mexico and Japan, who are his enemies, and those of France and Britain, who would be his friends if he had acted like a man.

No Arctic explorer would select Floridians to accompany him on a search for the North Pole.—Palm Beach Post.

He might make a mistake. Napoleon B. Broward had his own on a cruise as a member of the crew of a down-east fishing smack and he only had his Florida clothes when he went

aboard. We had a friend who went from Florida to Alaska eighteen years ago. He remained there over a dozen years without returning south and endured the rigor of the polar winters as well as men from northern states.

About a dozen years ago, H. G. Wells, in one of his inimitable forecasts, told of strange machines to be used in some future war. They were huge auto trucks, sheathed in armor impervious to rifles and light artillery, and traveling on pedrail wheels that enabled them to cross chasms and ridges with the same facility that a boat can climb up and down the waves. Inside their steel walls were stationed riflemen, who perfectly secure from anything except a shot from a large cannon were able to pour a torrent of bullets on their unprotected enemies. This prophecy of Wells has come to pass. On the Somme front last week, the Germans were surprised by the approach from the British lines of what seemed to be prehistoric monsters. Huge and uncouth, they moved forward, climbing over the hills, in and out of the holes and breaking down small trees. As soon they came in sight of an enemy, bullets spouted in streams from their sides, and in the meantime the rifle and machine gun fire of the Germans beat upon them as harmlessly as the autumn rain. They were auto forts, each carrying a score or more of fighting men, beside their crews, and able to go almost anywhere a horse could go. So terrifying was their aspect, and so fearful the execution they did that even the warried Germans were hardly able to persuade themselves they were not supernatural.

The New York Times prints a long article regarding the deeds of the British army. The following is the salient paragraph:

"England will fight to the last Frenchman." "Everybody fights but John Bull." What has become of those comfortable slurs from easy chairs and typewriter desks? It was so easy to make them, while a democratic nation with a little army, caught unprepared because its people had been afraid of "militarism," was seeing its reviled soldiers die in vain. It has taken that democratic nation long to raise an army equal to Germany's under fire, but no longer than it would take another democratic and unmilitary nation—say, for instance, the nation from which so many of those slurs have come.

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MR. BLITCH'S NEEDN'T WORRY

Friday, the Star printed another letter from its friend, ex-Senator Blitch, in which he again reproached it for its opposition to Catts and adjured it to support the nominee.

Mr. Blitch needn't worry. The Star has never had any other intention than to support the nominee. Up-to-date it is not certain who is the nominee. From all the facts before us, it seems to us that Mr. Knott is entitled to the nomination. There is no doubt in the mind of any reasonable man that he has a majority of the first and second choice votes. Catts broke the rules, and in our opinion, forfeited his right to a nomination when he went into the courts and tried to have the second choice class votes declared irregular. That the second class votes should be counted was one of the rules of the primary, and Catts by participating in the primary pledged himself to abide by its rules. When he tried to break them he, in our opinion, forfeited his right to the vote of any democrat who wishes to vote against him. Notwithstanding, however, that Catts has broken the rules, the Star does not intend to do so. If the supreme court decides he is the nominee, he shall have the Star's support and the Star's vote, but we will give him that support and vote out of respect for our own plighted obligation, and not because we think Mr. Catts is a good democrat, or because we believe he will make a good governor.

We have no doubt that most of the guardians of liberty in this section are good citizens and have pretty wives; in fact, we are absolutely certain that many of them have, for we are wise to several who can't help giving themselves away. We have only two things against the guardians of our county—one is they belong to an organization that is undemocratic and un-American; another is that they have allowed themselves to be deluded by the enemies of their party and section.

The guardians of liberty of Florida are like the children of Israel, when they bowed down to the golden calf. However, if Aaron had set up a brazen jackass for the Israelites to worship, they would probably have torn him to pieces. But the children of Israel returned to their allegiance, and some day, not long off, the democrats of Florida will return to theirs.

A GOOD SUGGESTION

Mr. J. M. Fennell, the representative farmer, who made such a good display at the fair last year, was in town Saturday and said that he would be at the fair this year with the best his big farm could show.

Mr. Fennell said that after the Marion County Fair, he intended to send his corn display to Jacksonville, to be a part of the corn show to be given under the auspices of the Heard National Bank in that city. In connection with this corn show, Mr. Fennell made the following suggestion which seems to the Star to be good and timely. He said that when the show was over that instead of having his corn sent back to him, he was willing, if the other exhibitors were, to have it sold for the benefit of the orphans' home in Jacksonville.

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